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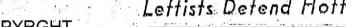
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Leftists Defend Hoffa



Hoffa's most loyal legions are on the flank of the land. It is intriguing that some of the loudest last hurrans for the man who is still technically the Teamsters' chief. come from men who seek dealings with the Chinese Compunist government and the Soviet 'apparat."

These are men who have been called Communist activists by sworn witnesses in the courts and before congressional co mittees. These are men have traveled with world Communist labor leaders across the globe and some of whom have so appreciated by the Russians that they were made honorary members of the Soviet trade union federation.

his union in written pacts calling for joint action - industrial and Okinawa. political. It is all on the record. Therefore, their defense of him is understandable. But the lack of curiosity on the part of the Teamsters who have been drawn into these alliances is not quite so comprehensib Sanitized

If they, and the public, looked This same closely they would discover that charged by the Subversiv one of the most active of those Activities Control Board with raising defense funds, distribut-being heavily Communist infil ing literature and speaking in behalf of Hoffa is Harry Bridges. head of the Pacific Coast longshoremen's union. Also active is Bridges' colleague Louis Goldblatt, brilliant strategist and secretary-treasurer of Bridges' longshoremen.

BRIDGES HELP

Who is Harry Bridges, defender of the faith for Jimmie Hoffa? He is, for example, the man who helped to launch the "All Pacific and Asia Dockworkers Trade Union Conference" in the Orient. It has been meeting ber of the Soviet Sea, River regularly in Tokyo. Amongst its and Dock Workers Union. resolutions are demands for the sholition, of all, U.S. military It is with these men, and their bases in Japan, and charges that unions, that Jim Holfa has ted there are slave labor conditions in the vital U.S. base in

> It is Harry Bridges who is leading the drive for open relations with Peking. It is Harry Bridges who has called for the dispatch of American government delegations to Peting to the advance guard of rank and Approved and Italians to the advance guard of rank and Approved and Italians to the advance guard of rank and Approved and Italians to the advance guard of rank and Approved and Italians to the advance guard of rank and Italians to the Italians to It

trated.

This has been developing for vears. Now the Senate grou calls it a "clear and presen danger.'

This is not a partisan report It is signed by political leaders lers government-a Soviet Amerof all persuasions in the Senate Their opinions should not be los on the public-not even, durin these hectic hours in our n tional political life. What is the "danger"? And to whom?

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It is Harry Bridges who was met at the Rome airport by leading members of the Commu nist World Federation of Trade Unions-once labeled by forme CIA chief Allan Dulles as the conduit of money and manpowe in the global fight against th

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ANSWER REFUSED

And who is Bridges' colleague Louis Goldblatt? Part of the answer is in a confrontation between the crusading Sen. Mc-Clellan and Mr. Goldblatt on July 10, 1959. The senator asked Goldblatt:

"Now I will ask you if you have in the past, any time in the pest since you have been a member of a union, have you been a member of the Communist Party?"

Goldblatt, even then a defender of Holfa, took the fifthand refused to answer.

Later, Goldblatt was asked if he had written and published a pamphlet which said in part: "We in the U.S. under the leadership of the Communist Party . . . shall overthrow capitalism and build a workers and farmica."

Again Goldblatt took the fifth. It is reasonable to inquire about the affinity between such! men and the leader of the nation's big motor transport union.

It is germane to point out, too, that the Worker, clarion of the Communists of America, speaks well of Hoffa and champions his cause.

PUSHED LOAN

Add to all this the fact, long ago reported here and confirmed a few days ago by the Senate. Internal Security Subcommittee, that Holfa dug into the Teamsters treasury for \$100,000 as a loan to the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers for defense of some lense committees for Jim Hoffa false anti-Communist affidavits.